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"GOD GIVE US MEN" IS COUNTRY'S CRY

SWIFT and terrible is a people's wrath. Awful are the consequences of a nation's rage. And anger is sweeping over the land.

The highest trusts that a broad, rich nation is able to grant have been ground under foot in the slimy mire of personal greed. And so the anger of a nation at the fraud is commingled with a general sorrowing for the death of an ideal.

Until it was disproven by traitors at Washington, most men and women in the United States held to the theory that the high trust of high office was in itself a guard against corruption, that the greatest gifts of national confidence were so deeply revered that they would never be peddled in the market place of private barter.

ALAS! That ideal has been dealt a fatal blow by the oil scandal. It lies cold and dead. So there is sorrowing, commingled with wrath.

"God give us men." This is the cry that sweeps over the broad land from the gray rock coast of Maine to the palm-flecked shores of San Diego county, from the steep slopes of Oregon to the sun-bathed sands of Florida.

"God give us men." The oil scandal is a social and political upheaval. Its consequences touch the very heart of the republic. The trusted have betrayed their trust. The constitution has been made a scrap of paper.

"God give us men." Take up the cry. This is presidential year. The mood of the country is angry, outraged.

MEN who have clung desperately to the sinking ship of both old parties now search about on the troubled political waters for life preservers.

Never in emergency have we failed to produce a man who could measure up.

The search for him is taking place right now. While the country prays that he be found.

The veterans of the war are asking: "Is this what we fought to make the world safe for?"

Stalwart Republicans are saying: "Back to normalcy." Is this normalcy?"

Old-line Democrats are saying: "We did not do it. We will elect our president this time."

But the great bulk of the citizens are saying to one another, with seriousness and determination seldom equaled: "We are done with both the old parties. We have tried them and are not satisfied. It is time for another test."

THUS is the prediction of a new party alignment in this country coming true. It must be plain to anyone who has studied the disclosures relative to the oil lease scandal that the old Republican party has no chance of electing a president this year.

What then? A Democrat? It seems unlikely. Sentiment of the people is fairly well set against both the old parties.

What then? A third party? The hour never seemed more logical. It is high time that the progressive elements of both old parties joined forces, with decency of official conduct as the foundation of their platform.

The nation is ready to cast off its worn-out garments for new.

Only leaders are required, to rise up and head the great movement for a new deal which is sweeping in irresistible waves over the length and breadth of the land.

Who shall those leaders be?

WONDERS OF RADIO STILL TO COME

SALES of radio equipment in this country will amount to \$150,000,000 this year and within five years to \$500,000,000, according to a statement by David Sarnoff, vice-president and general manager of the Radio Corporation of America. He foresees in the near future broadcasting from great central stations so connected that it will be possible to reach 50,000,000 people.

These superpower stations, he says, would cost \$5,000,000 a year to maintain, and he proposes that the money be raised by a tax of 1 per cent on the sales of radio apparatus. He believes that the people will pay such a tax gladly for the opportunity to listen to the world's best talent in grand opera and addresses by famous men, including educational features of established value.

The only obstacle in the way at present, Mr. Sarnoff says, is the cost of maintenance. He calculates that the tax of 1 per cent on sales of equipment would yield \$5,000,000.

The scheme opens up great possibilities in broadcasting. Reaching 50,000,000 persons at once through the air would have been considered something entirely outside of human accomplishment only a few years ago. Today it can be easily understood as a near probability.

The Soviet regime may be losing some of its redness, but it's still far from the pink of perfection.—Washington Post.

Evidently there's something behind the belligerent attitude of Premier Poincare. Possibly it's France.—Louisville Times.

The check boy may seem a pirate, but just think what it will cost those whose hats are in the ring!—Milwaukee Leader.

Thus far we have failed to discover the parts of the world that the meek have inherited.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

This must be a pretty good country when it is only the minorities that are kicking.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

STATE LEADERS HERE INSTALL LEGION, AUXILIARY OFFICERS

At a joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary of Torrance, in the Legion hall Monday night, the following newly elected officers were installed by the department president, Mrs. J. A. Decker: President, Mrs. Mary E. Frenger; vice-president, Mrs. Corlita Reeve; secretary, Mrs. Annie Greiner; treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Leetz; Mrs. Elizabeth L. Drendell, department secretary-treasurer, from San Francisco, who has just returned from national headquarters at Indianapolis, and Mrs. Fannie Hurst, of Los Angeles, were also present. The local post and auxiliary were also surprised by the visit of about twenty members from the Long Beach post and auxiliary. After the regular business meeting and installation a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served by the auxiliary.

IN THE JUSTICE COURT

Arrested Friday by Constable Miller, Deputies Duffee and Thomas and Officers Bathrick and Dillon of Torrance, Dick Furn of 3009 Palm street and J. E. Hall of Maywood were fined \$200 and \$400 or 400 days respectively. The former pleaded guilty to running a disorderly house and the latter to having liquor in his possession. Hall lacked \$400, and was taken to jail.

Girls, you can take advantage of Leap Year and select your choice of partners, at the Legion Auxiliary Leap Year party dance in Legion hall February 14th.—Adv.

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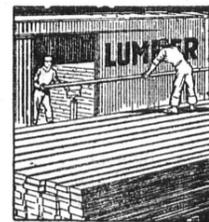
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